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U.S. MARSHALS NAB CHICAGO HOMICIDE SUSPECT IN MISSISSIPPI

Members of the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force found the man suspected of a Chicago murder in Jackson, Mississippi on Tuesday. The fugitive, Versailles Peynesta, was sought in connection with the first degree murder of Jahmal Sandifer and the attempted murder of Wesley Williams on November 1 2003. Peynesta was tracked by Task Force Members to Mississippi where he was taken into custody by Deputy U.S. Marshals pursuant to a lead sent based on information developed in Chicago.

On November 1, 2003, officials allege that Peynesta approached the vehicle of Sandifer and Williams and shot several times into the vehicle at close range. Upon arriving at the scene, police discovered Sandifer, who was dead on arrival, and transported Williams to a local hospital where he was treated for injuries. This shooting is said to have gang related ties between the Gangster Disciples Street Gang and the Blackstones Street Gang. At the time of the shooting, Peynesta was on parole from the Illinois Department of Corrections for a Possession of a Controlled Substance charge.

Information was developed through informants and other investigative techniques which led task force members to believe that Peynesta had fled to Mississippi. Based on this information, a lead was sent to Mississippi where Deputy U.S. Marshals from the Jackson, Mississippi worked diligently on the case which ultimately led to his capture without incident.

“This capture is the direct result of law enforcement from multiple jurisdictions working together,” said Task Force Commander Thomas Hession. Involved in the arrest of Peynesta were Task Force Members from the U.S. Marshals Service, Chicago Police Department, Cook County Sheriff’s Department, and officers from the Illinois Department of Corrections.